



City of LaBelle Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
Prepared By: Fire Chief Brent Stevens
Date of Meeting: 10/8/2026
Date Submitted: 9/28/2026
Title of Agenda Item: Civic Center Capacity and Event Staffing Requirements
Agenda Location: Consent Agenda Item

Report in brief:

Requested Action: Approve reducing the Civic Center's maximum event capacity from 500 to 350 people and requiring Fire Department personnel for crowd management and a city employee at all events.

Staff Comments: Currently, event organizers may complete the crowd management course themselves or pay for Fire Department personnel. On several occasions, events have not been adequately managed, which has resulted in extensive damages and attendance has exceeded the Civic Center's capacity, creating safety concerns. Requiring Fire Department personnel for crowd management and a city employee on site will help ensure events comply with their contract terms and capacity limit. A fee for the required City employees will need to be established & the fee for adequate fire personnel will be assessed.

Fiscal Impact: 2026 - 2027

Has the request been budgeted? Yes No
If yes, expected cost and account name.
If no, amount needed and proposed account:

Recommended Actions: Approve the revised capacity and staffing requirements for all Civic Center events and provide an effective date.